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ACTING DIRECTOR YI YANG OF UN DIVISION IN FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD
EMBASSY OFFICER MAY 26 THAT ROK DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE PART IN
UNSSOD UNLESS NORTH KOREANS UNDERTAKE AN INITIATIVE. HE SAID
THAT THEY HAD BEEN CONCERNED, WHEN SWISS AND HOLY SEE REQUESTED
PERMISSION FOR THEIR OBSERVERS TO TAKE PART IN DISCUSSION THAT
NORTH KOREANS MIGHT SEEK TO FOLLOW SUIT. IN THAT CASE ROK
WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO REPLY. HOWEVER, SINCE COMPROMISE HAS
BEEN ARRANGED WHEREBY SWISS WILL ONLY CIRCULATE DOCUMENTS, ROKG
SEES LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT NORTH KOREANS WILL DEPART FROM THEIR
USUAL PATTERN OF AVOID DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS. HE STRESSED
THAT ROK HAS NO INTEREST IN TAKING AN INITIATIVE, EITHER ON THE
DISARMAMENT ISSUES SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION, NOR TO
REVIVE UN DISCUSSION OF KOREAN QUESTION IN GENERAL.
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